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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: December 31- January 7, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

- Sunday 12/31: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship
9:30am Devotion and Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
6:30pm New Year's Eve Service with Communion
8:00pm New Year's Lock-in (8th grade and up)
- Monday 1/1: ~**Happy New Year!!**~
~Church Office is Closed~
- Tuesday 1/2: 6:30pm Properties Meeting
7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (Zoom)
- Wed. 1/3: 1:00pm Kitchen Guild Meeting
2:15pm Chapel @ TLS
6:00pm Youth Group
7th Grade Confirmation
8:00pm Men's Basketball @ TLS gym
- Thursday 1/4: 10:30am Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday 1/6: Noon – 6pm 1st Year Confirmation Retreat @ TYM Square
5:00pm Worship with Communion
- Sunday 1/7: ~ **MITE BOX SUNDAY** ~
8:00 & 10:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School, & Adult Bible Class

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

The Altar Flowers are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by Paul & Pam Kercher in memory of Paul's parents, Les & Renee Kercher, and Pam's mom, Helen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Recent requests: Linda Flechsig, Jeff Hanson, Barbara Harris, Larry Hick, Rev. Dan Merz; the birth of Bjorn, son of Hugh and Isabella Wagnild on 12/19; May God grant peace and protection to the people affected by war. **Ongoing needs:** Sharla Arend, Don Brutlag, Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon (granddaughter of Mary Uecker), Brooke Davis, Kim Dewey, Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes' mom), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Diana Hafner, Brittney Hatzell, Marilyn Heinemann, Beverly Hoose, Alyana Hutchings (Marti & Ron Jacobsen's granddaughter), Keith Johnson, Margaret Kober, Lance Kokron, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel, Shawn Kunkel, Don Leikam, Kara Lekse, Carol Mueller, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Tom Patton

(Leonard's brother), Dorothy Podoll, Heidi Renner, Mark Roesler (brother of Susan Shotwell), Lorraine Shackelford, Tom West, and Darlene Zimmerman.

Men's Basketball begins on January 3rd! Join us each Wednesday at 8pm for men's basketball at Trinity School. This is a fun, not-too-competitive opportunity to play some ball and work off some Christmas cookies!

We welcome Charlotte Mary Green to God's family and our Trinity family through the Holy waters of Baptism at the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Dalton & Hailey Green. May God guide and protect you as you grow in faith and knowledge of His love and plans for you.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1. Happy New Year!

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FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$1,316,061
Actual Church/School Income (7/01-12/25/2023)	\$ 1,378,191
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/01-12/25/2023)	\$ 1,111,479
A difference of:	\$ 266,712
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2023-Nov. 2023)	\$ 349,948
Actual Offering (July 2023-November 2023)	\$ 346,960
A difference of:	\$ -2,988
Weekly Offering Goal – December 2023	\$34,032
Actual Offerings in December (4 of 5 weeks)	\$106,146

Last Weekend's Attendance – December 24-25, 2023

Christmas Eve Worship Services	783
Christmas Day Worship Service	130
Total Attendance Last Weekend	913
Sunday School	0
Adult Bible Class	0

Offering Counters for December 31st:

Susan Loomans, Charolette Nedens, and Myrt White

Offering Counters for January 7th:

Sherrie Murray, Kathy Hoehne, and Cheryl Wagenman

YEAR-END-CHARITABLE GIFT DEADLINE:

Any charitable contributions made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School for this year must be made by December 31. The general IRS rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year, even if it is backdated to the previous year, or even if it was actually written and dated in the previous year. The only exception: Donations that are mailed *and postmarked* by the end of the year are deductible in that year even though not received until the following year.



Altar Flowers

The 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up & Changes

The flower chart for 2024 is displayed in the narthex. We have made some changes that we hope will

be easier for you. The cost of flowers is \$20.00 unless you are paying online, then the cost is \$21.00. You will be able to pay by cash, check or online. To help us with our bookkeeping we ask that you pay for your flowers when you sign up. Please make your checks payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church**. It is very important that when you sign up, completely fill out the flower envelope and place it in the flower box. There is a spot on the envelope to mark the occasion and how you are paying. Thank you.

New Member Class! Our next class will begin Monday, January 8th from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a good refresher course for members, a chance to learn about Lutheran Doctrine, or for those seeking membership at Trinity. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can have enough material available, or if you have questions.



2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the north classroom off the sanctuary for you to pick up. If your giving situation has changed (you give online so no longer need envelopes, OR you would like to have envelopes) please contact Angie in the church office.

Love Inc. is offering new Life Inc. Community Courses beginning January 8.

Courses are free and childcare is provided at The Vineyard Church, 1413 Rosebud Lane (enter through the entrance from the lower parking lot). There are three options: Affirming Potential, Money 101, and Boundaries. There is an additional parenting class "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" with a \$20 curriculum fee offered. Find more information or register at <https://loveincycmt.org/community-courses/>.

Youth Events in January (all at TYM Square):

- 12/31 8pm – 1/1 8am New Year's Lock-in (8th grade and up)
- 1/3 at 6pm 1st Year Confirmation begins and regular youth group resumes
- 1/6 from Noon – 6pm 1st Year Confirmation retreat
- 1/21 noon Summer Ministries information meeting (lunch provided)
- 1/26 6-9pm Fire Youth Mystery Dinner
- 1/27 for Flicker (Noon) and Flame (2:30pm)
Weather dependent Winter Weather activities



What a blessing you are to your Trinity Church and School family!

Thank you for answering the call to help with the extra services, funeral luncheons, and contributions for the Staff Christmas gifts! You truly shine God's light and love brightly in what you say and do. Many thanks for your continued prayers and encouragement for our church and school staff ~ God provides through you!